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 ETHYLENE AND UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ESTERS

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, please reconsider the subject application in view of the following remarks and amendments. A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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